

April 9, 2001

Ron Walters  
Z-Tel Communications, Inc.  
601 S. Harbour Island Blvd.  
Tampa, Fl 33602

Dear Ron,

Enclosed is a copy of the Joint Petition and Statement in Support for approval of the First Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois for signature, a sample of our verification is attached.

***Please return signed Joint Petition and your notarized Verification to me via overnight mail***

My mailing address is:

Mary C. Velez  
Ameritech  
225 West Randolph, Room 27C  
Chicago, Il 60606

Any questions, please feel free to call me on 312 551-9150.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

April 17, 2001

Ms. Donna Caton, Chief Clerk  
Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280

Dear Ms. Caton,

Enclosed please find the Joint Petition for Approval of the First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Ameritech Illinois and Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the extra copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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| <b>ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY</b>                | ) |                   |
| <b>(Ameritech Illinois) and</b>                       | ) |                   |
| <b>Z-Tel Communications, Inc.</b>                     | ) |                   |
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| <b>Approval of the First Amendment to</b>             | ) |                   |
| <b>Interconnection Agreement dated March 22, 2001</b> | ) |                   |
| <b>pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e)</b> | ) |                   |

**Joint Petition for Approval of the First Amendment to the  
Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between  
Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech Illinois”) and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. (“Z-TEL”), through counsel, hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated March 22, 2001, pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e), (the “Act”). In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. This Amendment to the Agreement is not discriminatory. Ameritech Illinois will make this amendment available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within Ameritech Illinois’ service territory. Other telecommunications carriers can negotiate their own arrangements pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. This Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

2. Copies of the First Amendment are available for public inspection in Ameritech Illinois public offices.

WHEREFORE, Ameritech Illinois and Z-TEL respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2001

Ameritech Illinois

Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

**Z-Tel Communications, Inc.** )  
**and ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY** )  
**(Ameritech Illinois)** )  
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**Joint Petition for Approval of First Amendment to** )  
**Negotiated Interconnection Agreement dated** )  
**March 22, 2001, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1)** )  
**and 252(e)** )

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL**

I, Eric Larsen, am Director-Negotiations Support for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of the First Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Z-Tel Communications, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois.

The attached First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("Ameritech Illinois") and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-TEL") was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, Ameritech Illinois and Z-TEL requests approval pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the "Act").

The Agreement meets all the requirements of the Act and the Commission should approve it.

The Agreement is amended as follows:

- ◆ To correct Non-Recurring Elements to Monthly of the Pricing Schedule of the Agreement which is attached as 'Exhibit A' hereto in its entirety.

- ◆ This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement.
- ◆ Except as modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the underlying agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect, and such terms are hereby incorporated by reference and the Parties hereby reaffirm the terms and provisions thereof.